



The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Ms. Komar and Ms. Hession



Parent Newsletter – March 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

We are beginning test preparation for the upcoming NYS examination. Students will be working in class and at home in their Common Core aligned Test Ready booklets and ELA packets. We will be reviewing test strategies, rubrics, and writing responses to select prompts.

Math:

We will be moving into Chapter 8 of the Go Math program. Students will learn to write fractions as the products of a whole number and a unit fraction. They will use models and diagrams to multiply a fraction by a whole number.

Social Studies:

Unit 3 will examine the effects of the American Revolution on the people of New York. The students will learn about Colonists' response to British rule. We will also learn about the role New York played in the Revolution.

Science

This month the curriculum will include different forms of energy. Students will be working in the science lab and reviewing concepts in class from their Science Coach Book. Topics that will be covered include; heat, temperature, electrical currents, and energy changing form.



PTA News

Our Annual Night of Chances will be held on Friday, 3/10. Raffle ticket bundles are now on sale. We are still collecting \$5 donations from Petrides families to help purchase baskets. Save the date for our Rock em Sock em fundraiser

"We are very excited for our upcoming ballroom dancing program. The students really enjoy learning the steps and performing for our peers and families."

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What's New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: Students are on a journey through "The Music Connection" (Grade 4). They are increasing their notation reading skills and focusing on bettering their vocal technique to prepare for possible 5th grade performance electives in the future. Ms. Hession's class is learning how to read the music staff through folk songs in their textbook "The Music Connection", as well as using interactive smart board note reading games. They are working on folk songs from around the world throughout the year.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will continue study of Soprano Recorder, learn proper hold, play, and tone production using notes B, A, G, E, new note Low D and possibly High C, and learn 2 pieces of music.

Ms. Granatelli: Students will be exploring how to create a collage.

*IMPORTANT DATES

3/8 – Report Cards Distributed

3/8 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 5–8pm

3/9 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:20–2:20pm – Half day of school for students

3/10 – PTA Annual Basket Auction – You will have to be in it to win it!

3/15 – PTA Meeting, 7pm

3/16 – Jazz Night

3/17 – Happy St. Patrick's Day – Wear Green!

3/22 – Ballroom Dancing Sessions Begin

3/24 & 3/25 – Spring Musical, "When in Rome"

3/28, 3/29, & 3/30 – NYS ELA Exams

LOOKING AHEAD...

5/2, 5/3, & 5/4 – NYS Math Exams

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Homework is given daily and checked daily. Please be our partner in your child's education by ensuring that they complete assignments in a timely manner.
- **Ballroom dancing will begin at the end of the month. Our ballroom sessions will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays.**
- Please remember to check the red folders (take home folders) daily. There are many forms and notices sent home which need your attention. Please empty the folder once a week so that it is easy to identify new information.
- Please make sure that your child comes to school with all of his/her supplies, especially sharpened pencils.
- Students should remember to wear or bring appropriate footwear on gym/ballroom dancing days. Many students are wearing boots to school and forgetting their sneakers at home.
- Test Prep Academy has started. Students are able to stay for additional test preparation practice with the fourth grade teachers.



A Note From Ms. Caccese

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are already in March...time flies when you're having fun at Petrides and we sure have been having a lot of it!! 100th day activities brought lots of joy to lots of classrooms, we had a movie day experience right in our own auditorium and many thanks to the families who participated in the PTA's Thank Heaven for Little Girls Dance! These are the things that make Petrides such a special place.

Something else that should be highlighted are the many awesome events that took place during Respect For All Week here at Petrides. Students took an anti-bullying pledge, wrote out hearts of encouragement to classmates and spread happiness all around the building with our Share a Smile Campaign. We encourage our kiddies to spread the love all over the world too and that starts here at Petrides...let us all take time to share a smile in our communities, in our homes and in our school!!

Warm Wishes,
Ms. Caccese

